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STEPHENSON KIN HOLD A REUNION

Birthday Of Mr. Israel Stephenson Brings Together 300 Or More Relatives And Friends.

A SUMPTIOUS DINNER

In response to an invitation from Mr. Israel Stephenson, who lives about six miles west of here, about 300 of his relatives and friends gathered at his home Tuesday to celebrate his seventy-seventh birthday. No public announcement of this reunion had been made, the news being spread verbally from relative to relative and from friend to friend, but by nine o'clock the result of these invitations was seen when the people began to arrive and by noon all the available space around the house was filled with automobiles. Guests were there from as far north as Wendell and Wake Forest; as far west as Raleigh, and as far east as Silverdale in Jones County.

In each car was snugly packed away a box containing an abundance of appetizing viands for which Johnston County is noted and which its women know how to prepare. Music was furnished by the Stephenson band.

Mr. Stephenson has lived in that community about 30 years and numbers his friends by the score. He seemed to be in his natural element that day as he entertained his kinsmen and friends. He mingled freely among his guests and in his good-humored way had something to say to all. Upon one occasion, being asked if he were related to some person in Elevation township he humorously replied that he "used to claim kin with everybody in Elevation who was a Democrat and a Primitive Baptist."

A table about two hundred feet long had been erected in the yard and shortly after noon it was literally loaded with delicious food. Mr. D. T. Stephenson, of this city, made a short talk in which he welcomed the guests and after another short talk by Mr. J. W. Stephenson, of this city, Elder Jesse Barnes returned thanks to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts for this happy occasion. All gathered around the table and the next hour was pleasantly and profitably spent. Later in the afternoon the guests departed after wishing their host many more happy birthdays.

Mr. Stephenson has been married twice, the first time to Miss Emily Coates, a sister of Mr. Joe Coates, of this city, and to this union were born eleven children. Twenty-three years ago he married Mrs. Eliza C. Pittman who is still his faithful companion. To the last union was born one daughter, Mrs. R. A. Lassiter.

Those from here who attended the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stephenson, Misses Lallah Roekh Stephenson and Dora Barbour, Mr. J. G. Hamilton and family, Mr. D. T. Stephenson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephenson and children Mr. and Mrs. Milton Coates, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coates, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wiggs, Elder Jesse Barnes, Miss Hattie Stephenson, Messrs. W. Ramon Sanders, H. L. Skinner, Carlton Stephenson, N. E. Humphrey, W. M. Gaskin, and C. Q. Stephenson.

Attempt To Steal Two Cars

Tuesday night unknown parties attempted to steal two automobiles which were standing on the streets of Smithfield. One of the cars belonged to Mr. Henry Pollard and the other to Mr. M. B. Strickland. Mr. Pollard's car was locked and the burglars were forced to leave it after trying to get it started. It is said that the weak batteries in Mr. Strickland's car was the only thing that saved it. After failing to get it started they pushed it some distance down the street and left it. The names of the thieves are unknown.

Gubernatorial Candidate Speaks Here Tonight



JOSIAH W. BAILEY AND CHILDREN

For the first time in twenty years Mr. Bailey was induced by Mrs. Bailey to sit with his children before the camera on September 14, 1923, his fiftieth birthday, and have the above picture made. The children are, left to right, Josiah, Jr., Annie Elizabeth and James Pou Bailey.

ERIC MASSEY OF SELMA TO ASSIST MISS EMILY KNOX

Miss Emilie Rose Knox, violinist, and Mr. Eric F. Massey tenor, will have a joint recital in the Selma auditorium on Thursday, May 1. They will be assisted by Mrs. Alfred R. Wilson, reader.

Miss Knox will play an unusually fine program. Mr. Massey will sing the same program he has used during his engagements over the Keith and Orpheum Vaudeville circuits. Miss Knox will be accompanied by Miss Sue Kyle Southwith, of St. Mary's school, Raleigh. Mrs. W. H. Call, of Selma, will accompany Mr. Massey. This program by Miss Knox and these local artists promise to be a rare treat, of which no doubt a large number will avail themselves. The ticket sale begins Monday, April 28.

Poisoned Candy Man Is Given Four Years

Statesville, April 22.—Charged with sending poisoned candy through the mails to his divorced wife, Chap Burroughs this afternoon was sentenced to four years in the Atlanta penitentiary. Burroughs was charged with sending a box of candy poisoned with bichloride of mercury from Hickory to his former wife, Miss Bessie Hargrove, at Cottondale, Alabama. His defense was that the charge was a frame up. Judge E. Y. Webb, after sentencing Burroughs instructed the clerk of court to write a letter to the penitentiary authorities requesting that alienists observe Burroughs to determine whether or not he is sane.—Associated Press.

SHOE HOSPITAL GETS NEW MACHINERY

Mr. J. W. Phillips, proprietor of the Shoe Hospital, has recently purchased new machinery and announces that he is now better prepared to look after your sole. He will appreciate any business you may give him in the shoe repair line.

Spraying Fruit Pays

A fruit grower of Transylvania County added by an agricultural extension worker in spraying his apples last season, sold his sprayed fruit for double the amount received for that which was unsprayed. He now has 200 bearing trees that he recently requested County Agent Lewis A. Ammon to help him spray. "It pays" he said.

LABORATORY ANALYSIS OF OUR CITY WATER

No. F-1473.
Sent by—O. L. Wilson, Jr., Supt. Water Works.
Location—Smithfield, N. C.
Source—Johnston & Stephenson Drug Co.
Marked—Town of Smithfield.
Collected—4-18-24.
Received—4-19-24.
Reported—4-22-24.
Sediment—0.
Color—Platinum-Cobalt standard—v. sl.
Turbidity—Silica standard—0.
Odor, cold—0.
Alkalinity (in terms of Calcium carbonate)—31.8.
Colon bacilli in 1 c. c.—0.
Colon bacilli in 10 c. c.—0.
Total bacteria at 38 degrees Centigrade per c. c.—28.
Total bacteria per c. c. on L. L. Agar—3.
Total acid-producing bacteria per c. c.—0.
C. A. SHORE, Director.
J. W. K. Analyst.

Number Take Part In Field Day Stunts

Easter Monday was Field Day in the Smithfield school, the track events being held at the Fair Grounds. Quite a number of boys were out and took part in the various contests.

The High School boys competed to select a representative of the school for a state wide contest to be staged at Trinity and the following were the winners:

Broad Jump, Davis—17 ft. 4 in.; High Jump, E. Caudill; Mile Run, C. Stephenson; 440 Yard Dash, Aycock; 880 Yard run, Kirkman; Discus Throw, E. Caudill; Short Put, Parker; 220 Yard Run, Holland; and Pole Vault, Johnson.

The winners in the Junior Contests (85-100 lbs.) were as follows: Broad Jump, Walter Lassiter—12 ft. 9 in.; One Third Mile Run, Floyd Parrish; 75 yard dash, William Ragsdale; High Jump, Bill Adams.

Those winning in the contests for boys weighing from 75 to 88 pounds were: 50 yard dash, Percy Pittman; one third mile run, Percy Pittman.

Those winning among boys weighing under 70 pounds were: 50 yard dash, Dennis Ward; one third mile run, Donna Ward.

Cutting down on the advertising appropriation when business is dull is like cutting down on the cow feed when the milk runs short.

BISCUIT CONTEST INTEREST GROWING

Women As Well As Girls May Enter Finals To Be Held Here On The First Of May..

HAVE GOOD PROGRAM

The enrollment of contestants in the county-wide biscuit contest to be staged here May 1, is growing daily. Some of the schools have already sent in to the Home Demonstration Agent the names of the winners in local contests, both as to biscuit-making and compositions, and other schools are requested to do likewise.

For a month Miss Garrison has conducted demonstrations wherever they have been desired in the county, and the finals on May 1 promise to be an important occasion because of the large number expected to participate. The contest is open to women as well as girls, although no local contests are being held for the women. They are not required to send in enrollment but simply to exhibit biscuits here on May 1 to be judged. A few boys have entered the local contests and three have been reported as winners.

Mrs. Jane S. McKinnon, of Raleigh, and Mrs. Estelle Smith of Goldsboro, are both expected to take part in the final program.

MR. T. H. FRANKS IS AGAIN ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Thos. H. Franks, who for the past four years has been in the graded school here one year as principal and three years as superintendent, was re-elected as superintendent for another year at a meeting held Wednesday night. The school has grown considerably in the past few years due in part to children coming from the country, until the enrollment now numbers 1060. More than 500 children have been enrolled in the negro school. The superintendency of the Smithfield school system is no insignificant position, but the district has been well served by Supt. Franks, and his re-election was expected.

Year's Crippled Clinic Held At Wilson

In the basement of the high school building at Wilson the sixth and largest clinic for crippled children in North Carolina was held on April 17, under the auspices of the State Orthopedic Hospital and the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. Five clinics of this kind were held last year, but it is probable that only two will be held in 1924, the one in Wilson and another in some town in the western part of the State later in the year. Counties which brought children to this clinic were: Wilson, Nash, Wayne, Edgecombe, Jones, Cartaret, Onslow, Hyde, Pamlico, Warren, Perdue and the Kiwanis Club of Wilson, and Franklin. The Woman's Club helped in making arrangements.

WILLS BODY TO SURGEON WHO PROLONGED LIFE

Because surgeons in Bellevue Hospital prolonged his life seven months by providing him with an "artificial mouth," John Burke, fifty-five, Shake spearean actor in many languages, who died Saturday, willed his body to his benefactors for an autopsy, which was made yesterday.

A malignant throat disease prevented Burke's eating. Literally starving to death, he was taken to Bellevue, where surgeons made an opening in the abdomen and introduced liquid foods.

Burke's will gave his body "in appreciation of the special care and unusual consideration shown me." Burke bore a marked resemblance to prints of Shakespeare.

School Building at Wilson's Mills Is Formally Dedicated Before Large Crowd Yesterday

BAILEY SPEAKS TWICE IN COUNTY TO-DAY

Mr. J. W. Bailey, Democratic candidate for governor of North Carolina, will make two speeches in Johnston County today. This morning he is the principal speaker at the Brogden Group Commencement, and to-night at eight o'clock he speaks in the Court House here. The voters of this community will thus have opportunity to hear one of the two gubernatorial aspirants, present his political views.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY SELMA CLUB

Death Of Mrs. Modlin Occurred Thursday Night At Smithfield Hospital; Body Taken To S. C.

OTHER NEWS ITEMS

Selma, April 23.—One of the most enjoyable Easter parties of the season was given on last Friday afternoon when Mesdames N. G. Woodlief and F. G. Lowe delightfully entertained the members of the Chat-terbox Club. Several spirited contests were engaged in, the most unique being the "scramble" for Easter eggs. A color scheme of lavender and green was effectively carried out in the decorations and refreshments. The dining room was especially attractive with wisteria and violets for decorations, while the Easter spirit prevailed in the favors, place cards, etc. Invited guests present besides the members were: Mrs. Woodlief, of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Fleming Black, of Clinton; and Mrs. F. M. Waters.

There was held a regular meeting of the Woman's Club in the rest room of the school building on last Wednesday afternoon. This being the last business meeting of the club year there were reports from the various committees and officers which proved that the members of the club have been at work during the past year. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. E. V. Woodard; vice president, Mrs. W. P. Aycock; recording secretary, Mrs. J. R. Barker; corresponding secretary, Mrs. T. H. Atkinson; treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Kornegay; assistant treasurer, Mrs. E. O. Wood; reported, Mrs. F. G. Low; assistant reported, Mrs. J. W. Peedin. Mrs. L. D. Debnam has been the very efficient president of the Woman's Club since its organization a little more than two years ago, and there is regret that the club loses her as president.

The following young people who are attending college spent the Easter holidays with their respective parents here: Warrick Debnam, Joseph Temple, Herrman Eason, from U. N. C., Chapel Hill; Clarence and Albert Corbett, Wake Forest College; Hector Debnam, Oak Ridge; Miss Martha Ward, N. C. C. W.; Miss Elizabeth Earp, Meredith College.

Mr. Eric Massey, of New York City, is spending the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Massey.

Mrs. Fleming Black and children, of Clinton, are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Whitley.

Messrs. C. P. Harper, William Creech, Misses Mildred Perkins and Blanche Stoneham attended the Wake Forest-State College ball game in Raleigh Monday afternoon.

Miss Ruby Holland, of Raleigh, spent a short while with her sister,

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Dr. Abe Corey, Of Kinston Delivers Dedicatory Address In New Spacious Auditorium.

GROUP COMMENCEMENT

The dedication of a school building is an event in the life of any community, and yesterday marked a milestone in the progress of Wilson's Mills township, when the handsome new school building just completed was formally dedicated as a part of the group community exercises for that section of the county.

By ten o'clock the spacious auditorium, which seats more than six hundred persons, was comfortably filled and the program was opened with the singing of America. After the invocation by Mr. John T. Holt, the primary story telling contest was held, which resulted in a victory for Royal (Elevation) little Miss Myra Hardee being declared the best storyteller. A contest in spelling among the primary grades then followed, Powhatan school winning this prize, and Dalmon Poole the last to sit down.

Wilson's Mills has the distinction of having one of its citizens, Mr. M. G. Wilson, as a member of the County Board of Education, and at this point he was called upon to speak and his remarks were appropriate to the occasion.

"The Old North State" was then sung and Mr. D. O. Uzzle in a pleasing manner presented the speaker of the day, Dr. Abe Corey, of Kinston.

Dr. Corey's voice responded admirably to the acoustics of the new auditorium and it was easy to listen to his flow of words as he set apart this institution of learning. He recalled the yearning of North Carolina's educational governor and spoke of such buildings as the Wilson's Mills school as more truly a memorial to Aycock than the monument recently unveiled in his honor on the Capitol square in Raleigh. The honored Aycock lived and moves in such occasions as the dedication of school buildings.

Dr. Corey called upon the people of the community to set apart their building as a place for the boys and girls to learn how to be social beings. When the little fellow leaves home and jostles elbows with his school mates he is learning to be a citizen. Football, he said, was the finest course he had in college, because it helped him to control his temper. So it is with any school—a place for learning to live with folks.

The next purpose of a school building, according to Dr. Corey, is for the development of the intellectual being. It is there that the child learns to think. Specialization should be provided for which children are fitted. He made an appeal for the parents of the community not to commit the tragedy of insisting upon their children following their vocation whether it appeals to them or not. Give every boy and girl a chance for preparation as a basis for what they may decide to do in life. Still another purpose of a school building is a place to develop moral beings. To throttle the thought life of boys and girls often makes them immoral, declared Dr. Corey. Let children think and they will find their way to the right course, the moral course.

But last of all it is the spiritual value of a building that makes the dedication of a school building worth while. A spiritual atmosphere must emanate from this community center. Dr. Corey quoted a foreign author as saying that he had searched for America's greatness and found it only in the churches.

Dr. Corey plead for schools that would develop children socially, mentally, and morally, but which would also make them so safe in character

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